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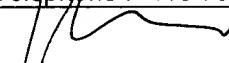
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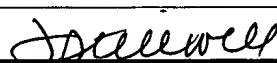
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)**

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 5, 2004, and is filed on September 2, 2004, making this a timely reply. No fee is believed due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any required fees, including for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Dorsey & Whitney Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Docket No. A-33999/US (473299-00039)).

Please amend the application as indicated below:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this communication.

Applicants' **REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this communication.